

AN APPEAL

To the People of Otoe and adjoining Counties.

Chicago, the commercial heart of the North-West, has been consumed by fire. Her places of business, the homes of her people, her newspapers, her schools and her churches are levelled in a common desolation.— More than a hundred thousand human beings are to-day shelterless and foodless amidst the ruins of their industries. The sacrifice of human life has been appalling. We cannot estimate it. We could not if we would, we would not if we could describe the desolation and death that have, like an avalanche, buried from sight a great and active commercial mart.

These ghastly facts, these giant woes, speak to the heart, to the sympathy, to the benevolence of this community with a voice so potential that words of exhortation to be liberal, to be generous, to exercise charity, from us, are utterly needless.

The undersigned were appointed by a public meeting of the citizens of Nebraska City held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 10th, a committee to make to you this appeal.

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

For the purpose of expediting the good work to be accomplished, the following soliciting committees have been appointed for the various wards of the city and precincts of the county of Otoe:

Patteson & Tomlin's store is the depot for supplies.	21 ward, F. C. Morrison, Frank Chadsey.	Osage, J. W. Eaton, Mr. Cruse.
John Tomlin, Custodian.	3d ward, William Fulton, John Heth.	McWilliams, Dr. Conger, Wm. Morton.
B M Davenport, Secretary	Belmont Precinct, J. W. Moore, J. Sterling Morton.	Otoe, Lawson Cook, Frank Sims.
W W Bell, Treasurer.	Palmyra, J. M. Taggart, Geo. W. McKee.	Delaware, Alex. Garrow, John Danbar.
These three gentlemen constitute the Board of managers to receive and forward all contribution.	4 mile, N. S. Harding, O. Harmon.	North Branch, Wm. S. Whitten, Mr. Harmer.
The following working committees were appointed:	Syracuse, V. C. Utley, J. Sollenberger.	Russell, Mr. Hays, Levi Kime.
1st ward, H. A. Newman, Ed. Sheldon.	Wyoming, A. C. Reed, David Martin.	Hendricks, N. Zine, J. Reynolds.

Money, clothing, farm produce, &c., may be placed in charge of any members of the above named Committees. Monies may be paid to W. W. Bell, Esq., Treasurer, at the Nebraska City National Bank. The other articles may be passed to the Custodian, John Tomlin, Esq., of the firm of Patteson & Tomlin, who will see that all contributions are speedily forwarded, the various lines of railroad having kindly offered to convey all contributions to Chicago free of charge.

In conclusion, we, in accordance with the resolution of Chief Justice Mason, which was unanimously adopted at the meeting last evening, suggest to the property owners and business men of Nebraska City the propriety of inviting, through means of responsible and authorized committees, the manufacturers of agricultural implements and other skilled laborers whose factories have been destroyed in Chicago, to come to Nebraska City, receive here our hospitality and our liberal pecuniary aid to rebuild. We can to such give blocks of lots for their workshops, lots for homes to their artisans, and the advantages of free education to their children.

Such men and such interests can be made permanently a part of our own prosperity. We need them; they need our bountiful soil and its cheap products. We urge this thought upon your attention; we deem it worthy of your immediate and united action.

J. STERLING MORTON, }
J. D. KERR, } Committee.
H. A. GUILD. }

Nebraska City, Oct. 11th, 1871.